

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 16, 2006. Claims 1 to 11, 14 to 39, 42 to 67, 70 to 95, 98 to 113, 115, 117 and 119 are in the application. Claims 1, 29, 57 and 85 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Tang for her courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during an interview conducted by telephone on October 11, 2006. Present at the interview were Examiner Tang and Primary Examiner Larry Donaghue (on behalf of the PTO) and Michael K. O'Neill and Michael Guzniczak (on behalf of the Applicants). Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview follows.

During the interview, the § 103(a) rejection of the independent claims was discussed.

In regards to the § 103(a) rejection, it was explained that European Patent No. 952513 (White) is not seen to disclose or suggest policy rules that govern how print queues are created, as White's "share access rights" are designated to a queue after its creation. However, Mr. Donaghue took the position that the create-and-then designate process of White was not different from the creation process described in the specification.

Therefore, an amendment was proposed wherein the independent claims explicitly recite a step of entering policy rules that govern how print queues are created and published. It was explained that White was silent on this feature, and that this amendment expanded on a point made by Mr. Donaghue in the interview conducted on April 21, 2006, namely, that in the invention, policy rules are entered by a system administrator.

While not necessarily agreeing that the amendment would overcome the rejection, Mr. Donaghue indicated his belief that if a new rejection was entered, a new secondary reference would be needed. However, Mr. Donaghue also indicated that such an amendment would raise new issues and would not be entered since the application was under final rejection.

Accordingly, the aforementioned amendment (i.e., entering the policy rules) is hereby being presented as a Preliminary Amendment, and a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith so as to obtain entry and consideration of the Preliminary Amendment.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the discussion at the interview, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request same.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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